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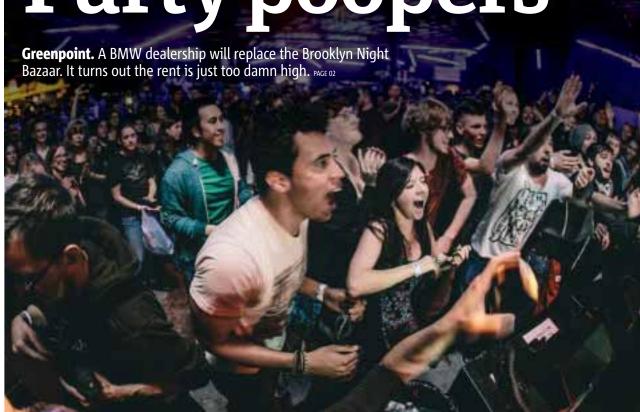


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Brooklyn Night Bazaar priced out of Brooklyn

Ousted. The market will move to Jacob Riis Park between May Day and Labor Day with free shows every weekend.

Greenpoint is losing another vibrant local venue, in favor of a BMW dealership.

The Brooklyn Night Bazaar, which for two and a half years has hosted local bands and food vendors while charging no entry fee, was given notice by their landlord over the weekend. They must vacate its 23,000-square-foot space by June 1.

"We just found out three days ago," said Aaron Broudo, one of the market's founders. "It's all very fresh and new to us. That's why we had another month or two of programming in place, including Northside Festival things, so this came as a bit of a shock."

They were given the option of matching the price, but could not compete with an offer close to 10 times their current lease, according to Gothamist.

Brooklyn Night Bazaar will take up residence over



Quoted

"Hopefully, this works for us as maybe like a transitional space. We'd love to figure out another permanent space, and we love this neighborhood, but it's going to be very hard to find something this large in this neighborhood for sure."

Broudo.



the summer at Jacob Riis Park in the Rockaways, where they have secured a summertime lease for the next five years running.

For one street vendor who's been at food markets in the area for three years, the change in the neighborhood has been drastic.

"It's funny because

when I first started we would see hardcore hipsters, like, you know, just people that lived in Bushwick or somewhere close by in Williamsburg," David Oropeza told Metro. "And then the second year was a little more family oriented, and then this year it's all tourists. Complete tourists. Everywhere you look it's like Times Square in Brooklyn. It's weird."

Broudo said organizers are thankful for the time they had on Banker Street.

"It sucks, but it is what it is and we're hoping to find another location soon enough," Broudo said.

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Legislation

Multiracial bill may let New Yorkers ID as more than one race

The City Council's Committee on Governmental Operations held a hearing Monday on legislation introduced last November by Councilwoman Margaret Chin, and advocates say demographic data will be more accurate if New Yorkers can identify as more than once race.

Census data from 2010 shows New York City leading the country with more than 320,000 residents identifying as multiracial, but have to check a single box when filling out city documents, including job applications, public housing forms, tax licenses and complaints.

"When a government form tells a person of multiracial heritage that they need to just 'check one box,' it's like saying that our government doesn't recognize that there are people of multiracial heritage. Forms like these seem to harken back to our country's dark history of segregation and laws against mixed-race marriages," Chin said.

Her office said a mayor's representative supported the change during the hearing.



Exploitation. NY nail salons had better shape up: Cuomo



New Yorkers might be reconsidering getting manicures and pedicures this week, after this weekend's disturbing exposé from The New York Times, which found that many nail salon workers are being exploited by their bosses, denied wages and exposed to harmful chemicals.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

has decided to intervene. He announced on Sunday that he's forming a state task force to investigate salons and put in place new safety requirements for workers.

"New York State has a long history of confronting wage theft and unfair labor practices head on, and today, with the formation of this new Enforcement Task Force, we are aggressively following in that tradition," he said in a statement.

As part of the plan, Cuomo said he will launch an information campaign in six different languages to make sure that workers know their rights. It will include mandatory signage in nail salons. NIDHI PRAKASH

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Crime

Unruly patron's car hits, drags White Plains cop

A Westchester cop was recovering Monday after he was struck by a suspect's car — and dragged 100 feet.

The incident happened around 4 a.m., shortly after a restaurant patron



who had reportedly been causing trouble was shown the door.

The patron, Nino Valvano, 38, was observed by White Plains municipal cops grabbing something from his car. concealing it in his waistband, then returning it to the vehicle.

He appeared to toss the object back in the car.

The Journal News says: "One officer walked up to the car and grabbed onto the door. That's when Valvano allegedly put the car into drive, striking the officer and dragging him about 100 feet down Post Road before throwing him to the ground."

The officer suffered minor injuries. Valvano was charged with assault, reckless driving and drug possession. JOHN A. OSWALD



"Metro" the American bulldog is up for adoption after he was abandoned on the MTA. / POSH PETS RESCUE

'Metro' the dog looking for a good home in NYC

City dog. We didn't name him — we promise.

On an icy Sunday in January, NYPD officers found a nearly 70 pound American Bulldog on a subway train in Times Square.

The dog, who has since been renamed "Metro," reportedly was left on the train in the Bronx, and took a ride downtown.

"He's just a big goofball," said Linda Vetrano of Posh Pets Rescue. "It's definitely time to find him a home."

Vetrano said Metro willingly went with police officers, who found him wagging his tail in the subway car. But, as weeks passed in the Animal Care & Control of NYC shelter, Metro's time was running out and he would have been euthanized.

"Volunteers were begging us to take this dog," Vetrano said.

Metro is in good health, a great dog for a family and doesn't seem to be all that interested in chasing cats. He has been at the Long Beach Animal Shelter for the past two months.

"I'm very happy I did rescue him," Vetrano said. "A lot of these dogs are ruined by bad upbringing, and we like to rescue dogs we can put back into the public and restore back to the glory of what beautiful dogs they are."



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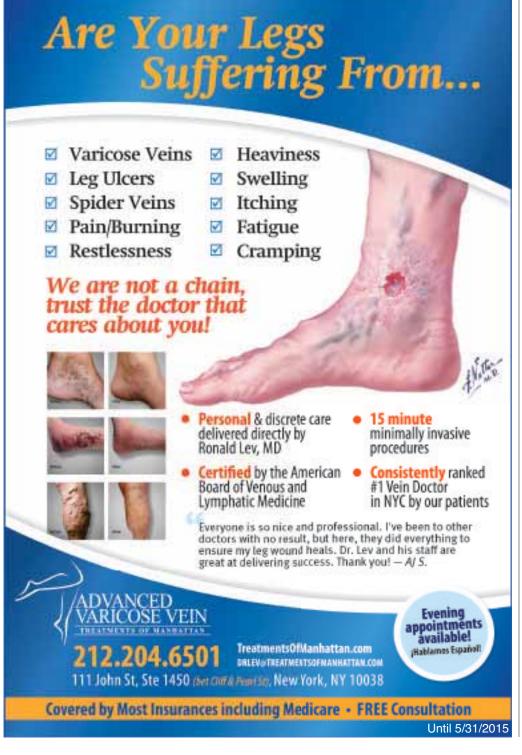
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- Age: Young

Gender: Male

Attributes: Neutered,

housetrained, walks on a leash, up to date on shots, plays well with others

 More information at http://postpetsrescue. org/adoptadog/metro/, by calling (516) 431-7674 or emailing misslondons pets@aol.com.



Christie has a \$300K snack habit: Report

Food budget. The New Jersey governor has spent a notable amount of money on food and drinks.

Chris Christie has been hungry lately.

The New Jersey gover-

nor spent \$300,000 of his \$360,000 state-funded allowance over five years on food and beverages, the New Jersey Watchdog reported this week.

The report looked at Christie's spending - between his yearly salary of \$175,000 and yearly expenses stipend of \$95,000.

The New Jersey Watchdog accessed the records from his private ledger, as he doesn't submit an official account of how he spends his salary. They found that Christie spent \$82,594 on concessions at MetLife stadium between the 2010 and 2011 game seasons — using a debit card on 58 different visits.

From 2010 to mid-2012, when he famously had weight-reduction surgery, he spent \$64,687 on groceries — an amount that halved to \$31,236 in the two years after.

Two New Jersey Assemblymen have introduced a bill that would force Christie to submit detailed expense reports to the State Ethics Commission website, the report says.

A Christie spokesman told the group the spend-

ing was legitimate. "The official and business purpose of the event remains the case regardless of whether the event is at the State House, Drumthwacket or a sporting venue," said Press Secretary Kevin Roberts.

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Enough is enough

Pelosi endorses Cuomo's sex assault bill

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi has signed on to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "Enough is Enough" campaign to stop sexual assault on

college campuses. Last fall, SUNY adopted a sexual assault policy that requires both parties to give affirmative consent before engaging in sexual activity, as well as increased training for police and immunity for victims who report assault. Cuomo's campaign looks to extend that policy to all colleges in New York State. **METRO**

Corruption

NY Senate leader Dean **Skelos resigns**

The leader of the New York State Senate, Dean Skelos, resigned from his post Monday after mounting pressure from his Republican colleagues.

Skelos, who was arrested last week along with his son, faces corruption charges for extorting money on behalf of his son.

The New York Times reports his colleagues had at first determined that he should stay on as Senate majority leader, but on Monday asked him to step down. metro

The grass is greener in Bryant Park

New Yorkers enjoyed the lawn at Bryant Park on Monday, basking in appropriate May weather. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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Five things you need to know

Slayings of police officers climbed 89 percent in 2014: FBI

The number of U.S. law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty last year nearly doubled from 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a report on Monday.

The FBI said of 51 officers slain in 2014, 46 were shot, four were killed by vehicles, and one was beaten to death. Twenty-seven officers were killed in 2013, the lowest number during a 35-year period.

Another 44 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty last year, most in automobile accidents. Others were killed in motorcycle accidents, accidental

shootings, by drowning, blunt force trauma and smoke inhalation. Fortynine were accidentally killed in 2013, the FBI said.

The report was released days after the burial of a New York City police officer who was shot dead while on duty. Two officers were killed over the weekend in Mississippi.

In 2014, most of the officers died as the result of criminal acts committed in southern states, where 17 officers were killed, and western states, where 14 were killed. States in the Midwest and Northeast accounted for eight slayings each and Puerto Rico had four, the report said.

An average of 64 law enforcement officers per year were intentionally killed on duty between 1980 and 2014, according to the FBI. REUTERS

NYPD OFFICER BRIAN MOORE

US airline complaints soared in March: Report

Complaints among U.S. air travelers soared more than 55 percent in March from a year earlier, mainly due to flight problems, a federal government report said.

The report by the U.S. Transportation Department recorded 1,733 complaints about U.S. airlines, travel agents and tour operators for the month, which reflects the most recent data available. The March total was up more than 27 percent from

February.

More than one-third of the complaints about U.S. airlines stemmed from flight problems, including cancellations, delays and missed connections. **REUTERS**

Tornadoes kill at least four. destroy homes

Emergency crews were cleaning up on Monday from tornadoes that killed at least four people and injured 50 others in Texas and Arkansas. They were part of a twister series to hit central states overnight, flattening buildings and snapping power lines.

A husband and wife were killed in their mobile home in Van, Texas, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, a town of about 2,500 people where dozens of homes were destroyed.

Near the west Arkansas town of Nashville, a baby girl about 18 months old was pulled from the wreckage of a mobile home where her parents died in a tornado there.

Hernandez charged in 2013 shooting of witness

Former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez, who was convicted last month of murdering an acquain tance in 2013, was charged on Monday with the nonfatal shooting of a man believed to be a witness to another murder of which Hernandez is accused.

Prosecutors in Boston on Monday charged Hernandez with violating witness intimidation laws for shooting a man in the face in February 2013 after the man made a remark about a 2012 double shooting, according to the Suffolk County prosecutor's office.

REUTERS

Chicago officer faces civil trial over shooting of black teen

A civil trial opened on Monday in a lawsuit against the city of



2011 fatal shooting of an 18-year-old black man.

Officers Noel Morgan and Tracy Adler were trying to arrest Parise Mercer after a July shooting outside a restaurant. **Authorities said Mercer** ran and pointed a gun at them. Both officers fired, and Mercer was struck by one bullet in the back and died.

A prosecutor determined the shooting to be justified. REUTERS

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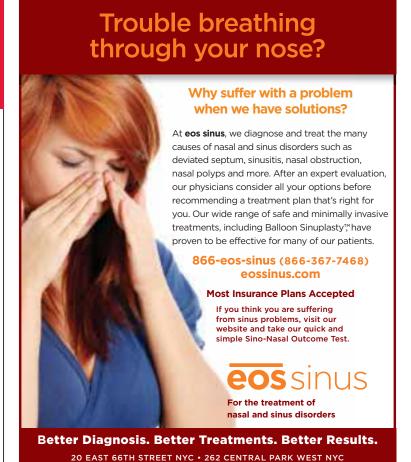
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Moroccan F-16 plane missing in Yemen

Military. Morocco is one of eight Arab states to have joined Saudi Arabia in the intervention against Houthi advances.

A Moroccan F-16 warplane has gone missing while on a mission with Saudi-led forces in Yemen, Morocco's military said on Monday, and Yemen's dominant Houthi militia said regional tribesmen shot down the

The disappearance of

the Moroccan jet and intensifying duels of heavyweapons fire across the border between the Iranallied Houthis and Saudi forces could endanger a five-day humanitarian truce due to start in Yemen on Tuesday morn-

Saudi-led air strikes hit military bases and weapons stores in the Houthi-controlled capital Sanaa on Monday evening, setting off huge blasts that residents said launched rockets into the air which then crashed back down.

Backed by Washington, the Saudi-led coali-



"The violent explosions can be heard from anywhere in the city and we feel they could land on our heads. We're living a life of

terror." Ahmed Fawaz, Sanaa resident

tion has been bombing Houthi rebels and army units loyal to ex-president Ali Abdullah Saleh since March 26 with the aim of restoring exiled President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi to power.

The Houthis' ties to regional rival Iran have rattled the Gulf Arab states and the rebels remain the strongest force in Yemen's civil war. Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, regards the Houthis' rise as a grave threat.

"One of the F-16s of the Royal Armed Force

put at the disposal of the coalition led by Saudi Arabia to restore the legitimacy in Yemen went missing on Sunday at 6 p.m. local time," Morocco's military said in a statement on Monday.

The Houthis' official news channel al-Masirah said on Monday that anti-aircraft guns had downed an F-16 over in the remote Wadi Nashour area in the northwestern province of Saada, a Houthi stronghold bordering on Saudi Arabia.

Germany

Merkel defends staff in spy scandal criticism

German Chancellor Angela Merkel defended her present and past



chiefs of staff on Monday against criticism that they lied to

the public about the prospects of a "no-spy agreement" with the United States.

Media reports alleging lying by Merkel's aides were the latest in a controversy over German intelligence since Edward Snowden revealed in 2013 a U.S. surveillance program.

The latest report said D.C. never offered Germany a no-spy agreement after those revelations, despite statements from Merkel and senior aides during the general election held only a few months later. REUTERS

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Boston. Bomber to nun: 'No one' should suffer as the victims did

Lawyers for the Boston Marathon bomber on Monday wrapped up their case to spare Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's life with testimony from a Roman Catholic nun and death-penalty opponent who said Tsarnaev told her "no one deserves to suffer" as his victims

The same jury that last month found Tsarnaev, 21, guilty of killing three people and wounding 264 others in the April 15, 2013, attack, later this week will begin deliberating whether to sentence him to death by lethal injection or to life in prison without possibility of release.

Since testimony began in Boston federal court in early March, the jury has heard from about 150 witnesses, including parents who lost children in the attack, first responders who attended to victims who had lost limbs, and Tsarnaev's Russian relatives



"I walked in the room and I looked at his face and I remembered, 'Oh my God, he's so young? Which he is. I sensed he was very respectful, and I felt it was pretty easy to establish a rapport."

Prejean, describing first setting eyes on the bomber

who remembered him as a loving young boy.

But the closest they came to hearing from Tsarnaev himself was Monday's testimony from Sister Helen Prejean, 76, who described meeting

him five times over the past year at the request of defense lawyers. Prejean, whose story inspired the 1993 book and 1995 film 'Dead Man Walking," said she believed Tsarnaev was remorseful. **reuters**

Zimmerman wounded in shooting incident

Condition. George Zimmerman was released from a hospital with a facial wound.

George Zimmerman, who was acquitted of murder charges in the 2012 shooting death of an unarmed black teenager in Florida, suffered a minor wound after being shot at during a road-rage incident on Mon-



day, media reports said.

Zimmerman did not fire gun in the incident, the Orlando Sentinel reported, citing a statement by police

in Lake Mary, Florida, a suburb of Orlando where the incident occurred.

An attorney for Zimmerman said a bullet missed his head, but he was hit by broken glass from the vehicle, according to WESH. The television station also said a bullet hole could be seen in the passenger window of Zimmerman's vehicle.

Police said it appeared to be a "road-rage incident," according to the FOX 35 television station in Orlando. reuters

Time line of trouble

Zimmerman has had several brushes with the law since his 2013 acquittal.

- He was arrested in January in connection with a domestic dispute, accused of throwing a wine bottle at his girlfriend. Charges were dropped after she recanted.
- He was arrested in November 2013 after allegedly pointing a gun at a different girlfriend during an argument. Those charges were later dropped after the woman withdrew her complaint.
- Zimmerman also has drawn the attention of au-

thorities over accusations that he had threatened his then-estranged wife.

In another incident, he was accused of threatening to kill a man in a road-rage incident, and he has been stopped for speeding in Texas and . Florida.







In case you haven't heard, there's a drought going on in California. Like, a really, really bad one — so bad that some experts predict the state's reservoirs have less than a year's worth of drinking water left in them.

Well, either a bunch of A-listers didn't get the memo, or they just don't care. Photographer John Chapple recently cruised some posh neighborhoods via helicopter for visual confirmation of how the rich and famous are apparently more concerned with lawn maintenance than the fragile state of their state.

While Barbra

Streisand's cliffside
Malibu spread and Hugh
Hefner's famed Playboy
Mansion stand out, it's
the sprawling home of
Kanye West and Kim Kardashian that's the most
galling in the photos,
with lush, emerald green
lawns abutting the dried
brown dirt more native
to California during a
drought. Jennifer Lopez's

home is a close second.
Of course, there are measures in place to combat wasting water and boost conservation, but the maximum allowable fine is \$100, which is less than these folks are likely paying their gardeners to begin

So long, 'American Idol'



FOX VIA GETTY IMAGE

What was once unthinkable is now a reality: Fox has canceled "American Idol." The show will go out with one more season, and you can expect former judges and contestants to pop up. That means Paula Abdul is coming back, right? For now, the only confirmed regulars are this season's judges — Jennifer Lopez, Harry Connick Jr. and Keith Urban — plus the show's

only remaining participant from Season 1, the possibly immortal Ryan Seacrest. Fox co-CEO Gary Newman promises a "season-long celebration." Will we get Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini reenacting their cinema classic, "From Justin to Kelly"? Yep, remember when "American Idol" had a spinoff movie? What a long, strange trip it's been.

Morgan Freeman wants pot legalized

Morgan Freeman is not one to mince words, and that candor extends to his thoughts about marijuana. "They used to say, 'You smoke that stuff, boy, you get hooked," he tells the Daily Beast. "My first wife got me into it many years ago. How do I take it? However it comes. I'll eat it, drink it, smoke it, snort it. This movement is really a long

comes. I'll eat it, drink smoke it, snort it. This movement is really a long time coming, and it's getting legs—longer legs. Now the thrust

is understanding that alcohol has no real medicinal use. Maybe if you have one drink, it'll quiet you down, but two or three, and you're f—ed."

Aside from being a longtime marijuana enthusiast, Freeman is also well versed in its practical applications, thanks in part to the grisly car crash he survived seven years ago. "Marijuana has many useful uses," he explains. "I have fibromyalgia pain in [my] arm, and the only thing that offers any relief is marijuana. They're talking about kids who have grand mal seizures, and they've discovered that marijuana eases that down to where these children can have a life. That right there, to me, says legalize it across the board. And what negative effects does it have? Look at Woodstock 1969. They said, 'We're not going to bother them or say anything about smoking marijuana,' and not one problem or fight. Then look at what happened in '99." To be fair, though, the lineup in 1999 was pretty terrible, and they weren't charging \$5 for a bottle of water in '69.

GETTY IMAGES

Daily video

Owen Wilson says wow. A Lot.

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Ned Ehrbar takes

on the world

of gossip.

NED EHRBAR

If you're going to do a solid Owen Wilson impression, you've got to be sure to toss in a few 'wow"s here and there. Well, maybe more than a few. The single-minded YouTube channel Owenergy Studios puts together an impressively massive compilation of Wilson using the simple word to exclaim surprise and wonder across his entire filmography well, everything except his work in animated films — and the end result is hypnotic and totally Zen. So dig in. I think you'll agree it's like, wow, man



Somebody ripped off Demi Moore

Demi Moore is feeling about \$200,000 poorer these days after industrious thieves made off with couture clothing items valued at roughly that amount from one of her Los Angeles-area storage spaces, according to TMZ. Moore is reportedly working with police but is having a tough time pinpointing exactly when the theft occurred since her assistant hadn't checked the inventory for about six months. But whoever ripped Moore off, I'm betting it was an inside job since the thieves were reportedly quite particular about which items they made off with, and there were no signs

of forced entry. So tell me more about this assistant,



CULTURE Twitter feed

Today, Lindsay Lohan is back on American soil, Carrie Fisher is trying to move on, Victoria Beckham is feeling nostalgic, Solange Knowles is excited about a new Janet Jackson album and Alan Alda is still getting the hang of Twitter.

@lindsaylohan: Happy to be home in nyc with my family and friends. Missed

@carrieffisher: Bend down so I can get over you.....

@victoriabeckham: Spice up your life!

@solangeknowles: I literally just did kart wheels, dropped it like its hot, the bunny hop, a praise <u>dance....a</u>nd all of that!!!

@alanalda: My thanks to those who pointed out I misspelled my name in my own profile. This is a great start.

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Changing the books too much?

Jane Johnson, who edits the "Game of Thrones" books, said recently that she was "not loving" how the show is diverging from its source, mentioning specifically the death of Barristan Selmy (who's still alive on the page) and the portrayal of Loras Tyrell. Complaints like these aren't new but have rarely come from someone so near the top.

'Thrones' on the Web

WINTER IS COMING

As the editor-in-chief for Winter Is Coming, Dan Selcke spends his time writing about the latest "Game of Thrones" news and preparing for the long night that will have no end.

Read more of him at

Various characters fought against the status quo in "Kill the Boy," a thematically meaty episode of "Game of Thrones."

Episode MVPs

Too often on "Game of Thrones," those in power are the ones who least deserve it. Lately, some upstanding characters have come into power, but they're learning that good intentions aren't enough.

Take Daenerys Targaryen — she's still trying to quell the sectarian violence that's tearing apart Meereen. This week, she was pushed too far and fed a prominent citizen to her dragons, only to turn around and reopen the city's fighting pits, an institution she abhors, in an attempt to placate her unruly subjects. Will the strategy work, or will her vacillating make things worse?

Up at the Wall, newly elected Lord Commander Jon Snow is trying to

reach out to the wildlings, even though it means offending many Night's Watchmen who have been fighting wildlings all their lives. In the long run, making peace will benefit both groups, but Jon's trying to change things from within a system built to resist change. On "Game of Thrones," doing the right thing isn't as important as doing the savvy thing, a lesson these characters are failing to grasp.

Our watch for next week begins

Sansa Stark is doing a better job of keeping her cool and waiting for opportunities to present themselves. Her return to Winterfell has been one of the smartest changes the producers have made to the books this year, as it throws several underused characters together and makes their stories exciting again. When Stannis arrives at Winterfell, things should get even more explosive.

Tyrion and Jorah were among the only characters not caught in a political quagmire this week. Instead, they drifted through the beautifully rendered ruins of an ancient civilization, one they could only briefly appreciate before being attacked by a band of diseased men in an eerie action sequence. As frustrating as the status quo can be, it beats the wild, untamed alternative.



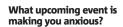
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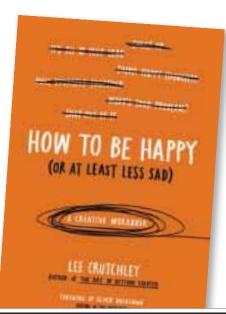
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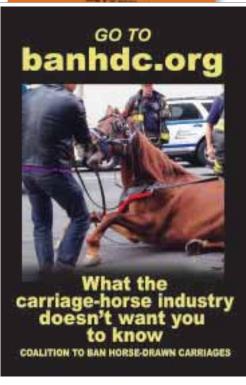
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"Birdman" about you

being followed around

by Big Bird.

We did that just a few weeks ago. It was 19 degrees with 30 mile per hour winds. I thought we were going to die making that thing. But we were only out there briefly.

You've been very clear that you have zero interest in retiring any time soon. What's your secret to still controlling that massive puppet, which has to be exhausting?

I don't do it all the time now. My stand-in has been waiting for 17, 18 years, and he now often does it. I do the voice, because I think that's the heart and soul of it. I can put my feelings in the readings. I love the job, but I'm glad to have some relief in the playing of it, because it is pretty physically draining.



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Big Bird speaks! Talking with Caroll Spinney Caroll Spinney, with Mr. Snuffleupagus, is seen filming "Sesame Street" with only his Big Bird legs. / TRIBECA FILM

Interview. A longtime "Sesame Street" puppeteer gets a new documentary.

Since 1969, Big

Bird and Oscar

and, for the

the Grouch have

both been voiced

the same man: Caroll Spinney. The puppeteer has largely stayed offcamera, just fine with

'Sesame Street" viewers not knowing the man who was an integral part of their childhood. That changes with "I Am Big Bird: The Caroll Spinney Story, a new doc that covers his life and work and has since

most part, controlled by

generations of

made him recognizable on the street. Not that Spinney minds the

What convinced you to step into the limelight

after all these years? People love to ask me why I decided at this time to do this. The answer is [directors Dave LaMattina and Chad N. Walker| were the first people to approach me. l didn't think I'd lived a life important enough to make one. I'm so proud to be so humble, ha ha ha. That was a little joke.

You've done a rare thing for a performer, which is play the same characters for 45 years. What has kept you interested in Big Bird for that long?

The difference between Big Bird and the other Muppets is Big Bird got to be very sensitive and complex. He's not just into cookies or something. I'm not putting [Cookie Monster]

Your voice for him still sounds the same at your age, which is incredible

considering how one's voice tends to erode over the years.

I'm awfully lucky. My father lived to be 91. He looked like an old man but sounded like he always did. That seems to be working for me too.

Does Oscar's rougher voice grate on your vocal cords?

Actually, Oscar's voice doesn't bother me in any way. I even had a very sore throat, the

kind that when you swallow, it feels like you're twisting a knife. Even then Oscar's voice wasn't any strain at all. Not like Čookie Monster. I remember Frank Oz used to do Cookie Monster, and he had to learn not to rehearse as Cookie Monster's voice because it was really rough on his vocal cords.

You actually went viral a few months back when you were in a spoof of

Beats working

Keep on keepin' on

Spinney is now 81 and is glad to be among those who have kept working when most his age have retired.

"I have a great admiration for the Spanish puppeteer Senor Wences," he says, citing the ventriloquist whose creations included Johnny, a boy whose mouth was Wences' hand. "He performed on the last day of his life. He did a job in Madrid, which was where he lived, and he did it the same as usual. Best ventriloquism I ever

heard in my life. And he completed the show, had dinner, went to bed and that was it. He was 103. I'd love to emulate him."

Senor Wences is himself part of a long tradition of elderly workhorses. "Michelangelo in the 1500s, he worked till he died. He was 89 years old at a time when the life expectancy was 38, 39 years old," Spinney says. "Other Italian painters, they all lived to be way into their 80s at a time when a lot of people kicked off far earlier because there was poor medicine. The best doctor was usually

the barber.

"I think keeping working is good for you. My father would have lived a lot longer had he gotten up and walked more. Instead, he was watching bowling shows.'

Asked how long he thinks he can go, he replies, "I want to do at least 50 years - 55 if I can. That would make me 90. But I don't think I can do that."

It's at this point Debra Spinney, his wife, sitting next to him and sometimes helping him with answers, chimes in, adding, "You can."

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Stop eating your feelings

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TINA CHADHA @TinaatMetro

Back away from the vending machine. We get it, every day at around 3 p.m. your ability to complete any task at work hinges on inhaling a bag of M&M's. That stops now.

In her new book, "The Beauty Detox Power," nutritionist and New York Times best-selling author Kimberly Snyder — who keeps Drew Barrymore, Kerry Washington, Channing Tatum and Rooney and Kate Mara looking their best - says there are emotional and psychological reasons for our cravings. She helps us figure out what's behind our eating habits and how we can work on them long-term. In the meantime, her recipes satisfy our need for sweet and salty snacks without packing on the pounds.



Carbs

"Carb craving is very, very common, and the reason is they just have a familiar smell, texture and taste," says Snyder. "They can temporarily feel euphoric. There's something very comforting about burying your head in a pile of pasta or bread."

The best way to resist carbs is through activity — "even if it's a quick exercise to boost your serotonin level," says the expert.

Instant gratification: For guilt-free indulgence, try Snyder's vegan and glutenfree mac 'n' cheese.

"The sauce is made with roasted butternut squash and coconut milk," explains Snyder. "It gives you a creamy texture that is very easy to digest without any fatty dairy or really heavy cashews."

Salt

Are you someone who craves sweet or salty treats? "I'm actually a salty craver," admits Snyder.

But it's not the salt that makes potato chips and crackers so irresistible, says Snyder. It's the crunch.

In fact, the nutritionist explains that our desire for such savory snacks can indicate pent-up tension that a lot of people hold in their jaws.

"We crave crunchy a lot in the middle of the day when we're stressed, and there's tension that's overbuilt," she says. "So the root cause we want to work on is not letting the tension build up so much in the first place." Her solution: Find regular outlets to de-stress, such as yoga or deep breathing.

Instant gratification: If it's cathartic to crunch down on something, Snyder says go for kale chips. Her recipe uses turmeric and crushed pepper. "They're easy to make, and you can make a big batch at once."



Chocolate

"Chocolate is the most common craving — especially with women," says Snyder.

But stop blaming the chocolate cake addiction on PMS.

"There's a really interesting study out of the University of Pennsylvania of postmeno-pausal women," she says. "They didn't find a big drop in cravings that one would expect if it was hormonally related. So it's more about the emotional and how it makes us feel."

And apparently the deca-

dent treat is filled with happy chemicals, such as "PEA," which elevate your mood and make you feel as if you're in love.

"If you're chronically craving chocolate, you want to look into other ways to improve your mood," says Snyder.

Instant gratification: Swap the Twix for Snyder's brownie recipe. "What's great about it is that I make it with avocados," she says. "It has a lot of fiber and minerals. So you're satisfying that craving with something that is actually good for you."

Start the day on an up with this easy tip

"The real key is fixing long-term eating habits," stresses Snyder. "Because any sort of diet or plan that has an end isn't sustainable."

And the easiest way to jump-start a lifetime of healthy eating? "Start [each day by] drinking hot water and lemon," she says. "Lemon is very special. It has hundreds of citrus acid enzymes that support your liver tissue," says Snyder. "Your liver is your detoxifying organ, your fat burning organ. ... Give it some nourishment and support.

"I want people to start [this simple routine] in the morning, because you wake up and you have a fresh start," adds Snyder. "And when you make better choices in the morning, you are more likely to make better choices throughout the day."

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The bottom line

What makes TheRun great is that instead of trying to keep up with your mara thoner friends or waiting to be lapped so you can chat with them again, you can run in a group class at your own pace, which can be saved at each session so you can track your progress. You get the community aspect, but no one can outrun you - and you can't get distracted by a Wafels & Dinges cart halfway through. And it all happens under the supervision of an instructor who will later torture you with a series of body weight exercises, rounding out the cardio with a super-intense, makes-you-beg-to-die strength-training session.

Would I do it again? With one class running for \$34 and packages of 20 classes priced at \$600, I'm not sure my 24-year-old, lower middle-class budget has room for it. Especially when you consider that you can run for free anywhere.



We tried the future of running.

MATTHEW LEE (A) mattlee2669

Spring's trendiest version of recommended

torture is definitely treadmill workouts. In the same way that Pure Barre uses dance training and SoulCycle uses cycling, TheRun — well, you can guess.

A little background on my history as a runner: In the few months I was a part of the track pack in high school, I spent every long-distance run "going my own route," which really meant walking home to eat chips and salsa while watching "Maury." One jar of salsa and two "You are the father!"s later, I'd rejoin the pack covered in "sweat" (just water I had splashed on myself), pretending I had gotten a really good

So, not exactly marathon material.

Setting the tone

run in.

The studio, which just opened in the Flatiron District, is a cleaner and better designed reality of my dream sex dungeon. Nearly every surface was covered in mirrors, and the door was made of glass for all to see our session. These empty ap-

peals to my egomaniacal and voyeuristic nature lulled me into a false sense of security.

Between the mirrors were tube lights that ran the entire length and height of the room. I couldn't tell where the room ended and eternity began — it felt very "2001: A Space Odyssey" or "Tron."

TheRun's treadmills aren't like your treadmill at home. (First of all, we actually used ours.) These treadmills of the future have gigantic touchscreens and levers on either side to control incline and speed. You can even log into Facebook. (I'm not sure why you would do that, but hey, to each his own.) In short: The treadmills felt like spaceships — spaceships upon which you run like a terrified Ellen Ripley for about 45 minutes.

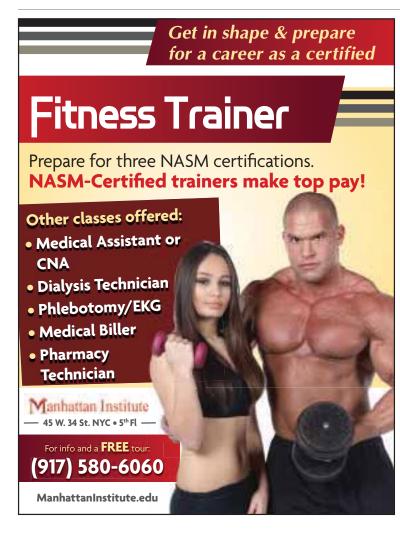
Time to sweat

The class itself consisted of the instructor drilling us as music blared at club-level decibels as we, a pack of Forrest Gumps, ran for about 2.5 miles with interval segments. (You begin the class with a humbling exercise: telling the treadmill what your mile time is to calibrate the speed, so there's no chance of pratfalls off a speeding conveyor belt.)

Ever the competitive gentleman, I tried to match the runner in front of me, despite him obviously being in better shape. I felt like a tortoise on Ambien trying to keep up with a very fit gazelle — and the heart rate monitors tracking the whole class on our treadmill screens showed it.

The killer part of the class, called Velocity, was the weights portion, which turned out to be my personal hell. This consisted of mountain climbers, planks, squats and sprinting in place.

sprinting in place. Look, folks — this class kicked my butt. Have you ever sweated so much you thought that maybe you had actually wet yourself? I hadn't until now. My pores and orifices were unloading sweat by the gallon. I was bathing in my own fluids. All I could think was, "Where does the sweat end and I begin? Are we one and the same now? Am I a being of pure sweat?





Taurus | April 21-May 21 Someone will try to take advantage of you. Guard against a fast talker. Unless you have examined all the details, take a pass.

II Gemini | May 22-June 20 You will find it necessary to go the extra mile when it comes to keeping the peace. Don't be too hard-

Gancer | June 21-July 22 Younger people will gravitate to you. A stimulating new prospect will be of interest. If you use your imagination, you will discover a solution to a problem.

€ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 Present your ideas with confidence if you want to convince everyone. Residential changes will add to your comfort and reduce stress.

M Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be respectful. You'll forfeit a friendship if you are too pushy. Be aware of the consequences before you make a rash, irreversible decision.

△ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Someone you encounter will find you extremely alluring. A romantic relationship will take an upward swing. Make the most of your appeal.

M Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A situation that is troubling you will be resolved. You are entering a period of growth that will enhance your creativity and curiosity.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A solid investment plan will pay off. Relationships may be strained. Learn as you go. Consider starting a home business.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Your usual routine will fall by the wayside. Deal with each issue as it arises. Your ability to adapt to changeable circumstances will serve you well.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. **18** Helping others will emphasize your capabilities to a new audience. Don't be surprised if you receive a iob offer.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 If a personal relationship is unsettled, consider dissolving the association. Staying in an unhappy situation will compound distress.

Aries | March 21-April 20 You will get the wrong impression from someone's promises. If matters are unclear, ask a trusted friend to shed some light on your circumstances. EUGENIA LAST

 $Letters \, to \, the \, editor \,$

No more nuclear energy

Re: 'Oil leaked into river after fire at nuclear reactor in New York' (Metro, May 11) I was deeply saddened to hear about yet another nuclear power accident. How can the company say no harm was done when oil is spilling into the water, hurting the river and all the wildlife that lives there? We have seen so much disaster. Nuclear power is unsafe and is a disaster waiting to happen. The plants must be closed immediately. We could provide millions of jobs in clean green energy, thus helping the economy and our people and saving the earth at the same time. Let us not be shortsighted.

SHIFRA FREEWOMAN

Thank cops for doing their job

Re: 'Changes needed to trust police again' (Metro, May 11) I have an idea — how about saying "thank you" to every policeman and fireman you see for risking their lives every day to protect yours? Three police officers were murdered in the last week doing their job. Flashback! 9/11 attack: The police and firemen were running into those burning buildings to save lives while you were running out. How quickly we forget. The police are the only people that keep you and your family safe from anarchy. This country would look like a "Mad Max" movie if it wasn't for law enforcement.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA EMAIL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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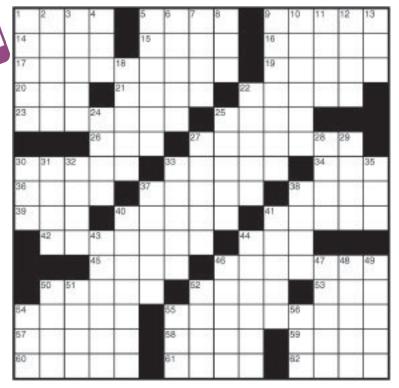
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Meet the Mets who are exceeding expectations

MLB. The Mets are winning thanks to some unexpected performances.

There was hope heading into this season that the Mets could be contending for a playoff spot in September, but even the most unbridled optimist couldn't have expected the start the Mets got off to in April. At their peak, the Mets were 13-3 and won 11 straight games, good enough to tie the franchise record for consecutive wins. They currently sit at 20-11 and lead the NL East. Here's a look a the players who have stepped up in 2015:

Bartolo Colon

Colon was only 15-13 with a 4.09 ERA last year, and the fanbase was less than enthused when he was handed the ball on Opening Day. But Colon has been lights-out on the mound this year; he's currently 5-1 with a 2.90 ERA and 34 Ks, and he's surrendered just one walk all season. At age 41, Colon is having a career year. If he keeps up at this rate it will be much easier for the Mets to give Matt Harvey and Jacob deGrom



extra rest in order to save their arms and avoid having them reach their innings limits.

Jeurys Familia

Familia was slated to be the set-up man out of the bullpen, but an injury and subsequent suspension to Jenrry Mejia forced the Mets to slide him into the closer role. And Familia has been unfazed, converting all 12 save opportunities he's been presented with while allowing just three earned runs in 16 innings pitched. His K/BB ratio is a stellar 6.67, his WHIP is a miniscule 0.625, and batters are hitting just .132 against him in 2015. Considering what

a mental ordeal it is to be a closer in the major leagues, Familia has been incredible, especially since he was thrown into the role unexpectedly.

Juan Lagares

Lagares is, of course, valued for his exceptional defense in center field but he's stepped his game up at the plate this year. After beating the projections and batting .281 last year, Lagares has improved slightly to a .286 batting average in 2015 to go along with 13 RBIs in 119

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NFL. League slams Patriots QB Brady with four game suspension

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell had no choice but to go back to being "the Sheriff." Less than a year after his own job security was being questioned because of seemingly mild punishments being dished out to players who were involved in domestic violence incidents, Goodell penalized arguably the face of the NFL with one of the stiffest penalties in league history. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady will be suspended, without pay, for the first four games of the 2015 season (a quarter of the year). The baseball equivalent would be a whopping 40.5



Tom Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win this past February. / GETTY IMAGES

games. The punishment stems from the release of the Wells report last week, which stated that it was "more probable than not" that Brady had knowledge that Patriots employees Jim McNally and John Jastremski were deflating footballs to a level lower than is approved by the NFL. The Patriots as an organization were drilled as well, as they were fined \$1 million and will forfeit a 2016 first-round draft pick and a fourth-round pick in 2017.

"The discipline is ridiculous and has no legitimate basis," Brady's agent, Don Yee, said in a statement obtained by ESPN's Adam Schefter.

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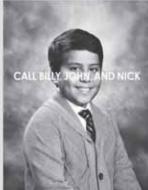
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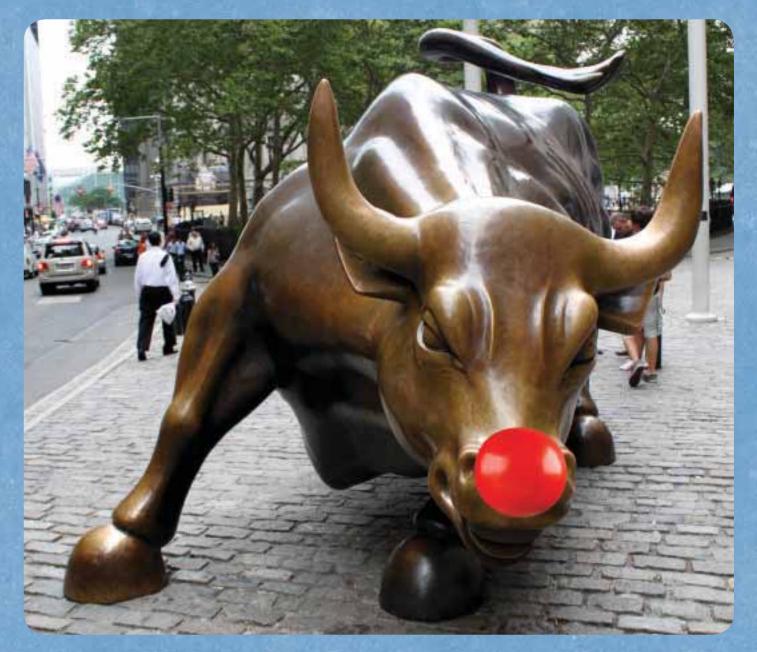








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